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WARNING!

The intergalactic marauder Thanos has reportedly been detected in the vicinity of Earth once again!

EARTH UNDER ALIEN INVASION! (AGAIN!)

Numerous sources report that a hostile alien force has made landfall at several sites over Earth, including New York City. A hostile agent known as Proxima Midnight attacked Times Square today as a self-proclaimed agent of the infamous Thanos. (...)

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WHO ARE THESE AVENGERS?

The Bugle confirms that the Avengers recently left Earth on some unknown mission in space, but eyewitness accounts are coming in of several super heroic individuals fighting as a unit against the invading force in Midtown Manhattan. The makeshift team includes former Avenger and current Hero for Hire Luke Cage, the light-powered Spectrum (aka Monica Rambeau, a fellow ex-Avenger), the Superior Spider-Man (one of the few on the current Avengers roster still grounded on Earth), and a colorfully masked vigilante who can only currently be identified as Spider Hero. [...]

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DOCTOR STRANGE.
AT PEACE IN THE FIELDS OF ENLIGHTENMENT.

NO!

LISTEN TO ME, YOU DAMNED NOVICE! REMEMBER WHO I AM!

KALUU-- YOUR MASTER IN THE WAYS OF BLACK MAGIC! AND I CAN FEEL THE DARKNESS YOU'RE BRINGING FROM HALF A WORLD AWAY!

THIS ILLUSION YOU'RE CAUGHT IN-- IT'S MADE OF LANGUAGE! HE'S USING WORDS AGAINST YOU!

LOOK AT YOURSELF, FOR PITY'S SAKE--

--LOOK WHAT YOU'RE WEARING!

YOU KNOW WHAT THAT TALISMAN WILL SUMMON IF LEFT UNCHECKED--AND YOU'RE FEEDING IT? SNAP OUT OF IT, CURSE YOU!

STRANGE!

THE WINGS OF NEEDLESS SORROW
DESTROYS EVERYTHING YOU LOVE.

STRANGE!

HUSH, LITTLE VOICE--THE DOCTOR CANNOT HEAR YOU. HE ONLY HEARS WHAT THANOS WANTS.

BUT PLEASE...

"...FEEL FREE TO *WATCH.*"

SO...IS THIS A *SOCIAL CALL?*

UATU THE WATCHER.

OR AM I ABOUT TO BLOW UP THE PLANET?

WHY DON'T WE JUST GO OVER THESE FIGURES ONE MORE TIME...

DR. ADAM BRASHEAR, A.K.A. THE BLUE MARVEL. FORGOTTEN HERO. GLOBAL PROTECTOR.

WELCOME BACK TO MY LITTLE UNDERSEA *SCIENCE FORTRESS,* BY THEY WAY. I'VE MADE A FEW CHANGES SINCE THE *LAST* TIME YOU VISITED.

I'M ACTUALLY *LIVING* HERE THESE DAYS--NOW THAT THE *KIDS* HAVE MOVED OUT, THE OLD HOUSE JUST FELT...TOO *PAINFUL,* I GUESS.

I KEPT WAKING UP IN THE NIGHT REACHING FOR *CANDACE*... MY *WIFE*...LIKE SHE WAS STILL *ALIVE*...

...AND THEN I'D *REMEMBER*...

...WELL. YOU DON'T WANT TO HEAR ABOUT THAT.

THIS PLACE IS MORE CENTRAL FOR MY *HUMANITARIAN WORK*, ANYWAY. FROM HERE, I HAVE A *GLOBAL REACH*.

I SUPPOSE I COULD HAVE JOINED *TONY STARK* AND HIS *"AVENGING WORLD"* OR WHAT-HAVE-YOU...

...BUT I'M NOT SO COMFORTABLE WITH HOW HE *DOES* THINGS.

OR S.H.I.E.L.D., FOR THAT MATTER. TOO MUCH POWER, NOT ENOUGH *ACCOUNTABILITY*. WE SERVE *WITH* THE PEOPLE--NOT OVER AND ABOVE THEM.

I'VE *ALWAYS* BELIEVED THAT...

...EVEN WHEN *SOME* OF THE PEOPLE DIDN'T WANT ME TO SERVE AT *ALL*.

...

UATU, IF YOU PULL YOUR FOREBODING "*I CANNOT INTERFERE*" FACE ANY *HARDER*, YOU'RE GOING TO *PROLAPSE*. THIS REALLY *ISN'T* A SOCIAL CALL, IS IT?

WHAT DO YOU *WANT*?

...YOU CANNOT INTERFERE. ALL RIGHT, I SUPPOSE MY PORTAL RESEARCH CAN *WAIT* A WHILE...

COMPUTER-- CEASE MONITORING NEUTRAL ZONE EXPERIMENT SEVEN-ZERO-FOUR.

RETURN TO MONITORING *EMERGENCY TRAFFIC*--ANY SITUATIONS REQUIRING *BLUE MARVEL* INVOLVEMENT--

HIGH LEVEL EMERGENCY LOCATED.

THE *SECOND* I TURN MY BACK...

POLICE AND AMBULANCE TRAFFIC IN NEW YORK AREA INDICATES LEVEL SEVEN ATTACK BY ALIEN FORCES.

IMMEDIATE RESPONSE REQUIRED.

LEVEL *SEVEN*? I *BUILT* THIS THING, AND I'VE NEVER SEEN MORE THAN A LEVEL *FOUR* ON IT.

WHAT ON EARTH DOES LEVEL *SEVEN* LOOK LIKE...?

LEVEL SEVEN ATTACK
LOOKS LIKE THIS.

SPIDER-MAN TO ALL SPIDERLINGS!

CONVERGE ON MY SIGNAL IMMEDIATELY! YOUR LEADER COMMANDS YOU TO--

W-WE CAN'T, BOSS!

WE'RE PINNED DOWN HERE! THEY'RE BLOWIN' THROUGH THE SPIDERBOTS LIKE THEY WAS WIND-UP TOYS!

I--I DON'T WANNA DIE, BOSS--

THEN WHAT AM I PAYING YOU FOR--

SPIDEY!

PEOPLE ARE *DYING* HERE! PUT YOUR *CELL PHONE* AWAY AND GET BACK IN THE *FIGHT!*

ATURDAY

ONUS

FINE, "SPECTRUM."

BUT NOT BECAUSE *YOU* TOLD ME TO.

THWIP

ONCE I'VE *DISARMED* THESE IGNORAMI, IT'LL BE *CHILD'S PLAY* TO RENDER THEM--

ZING

--HEY!

KRAKK

I WAS *JUST* ABOUT TO--

--GIVE THEM A *LECTURE.*

LESS #$%@ MORE *HIT,* BUGMAN.

JUST KEEP THEM AWAY FROM THE *CIVILIANS!*

I CAN DO THE *REST--*

HER.

THE LIGHT *PRETENDING* TO BE HUMAN. THEIR NATURAL *LEADER.*

REMOVE *HER...*

...AND THE REST WILL *FALL.*

WHAT THE HELL IS--

THE SPEAR OF PROXIMA MIDNIGHT
WHEN THROWN, THE SPEAR TRANSFORMS INTO THREE TRACERS OF BLACK LIGHT.

THESE CANNOT BE EVADED.

--EEEAAAHH!

THEY ARE FATAL TO MOST CREATURES.

MONICA--

--IS ALREADY DEAD.

JOIN HER.

WHUDD

WHOKK

KRAKK

INTERESTING.

YOU'RE UNUSUALLY RESISTANT TO DAMAGE, HUMAN...

WRUNCH

...BUT FAR FROM UNBREAKABLE.

SO.

WHO IS NEXT?

KLONKK

WHO...

DARES...

NO PASARÁN!

FASCISTA! NO PASARÁN!

NO PASARÁN!

UH, I THINK THEY'RE NIHILISTS...

WHATEVER.

YEAH! YEAH!

NO PASARÁN, #$%@!

NO PASARÁN!

NO PASARÁN!

NO PASARÁN!

NO PASARÁN!

NO PASARÁN!

NO PASARÁN!

NO PASARÁN!

PATHETIC.

YOU THINK YOU CAN DEFEAT WHAT I AM WITH *BRICKS* AND *BOTTLES?*

WITH *WORDS?*

WELL, GO *ON*, OLD WOMAN. SING OUT YOUR LITTLE WORDS *AGAIN.*

SEE WHAT *HAPPENS.*

AVENGERS ASSEMBLE!

WHAT DID YOU AVENGERS ASSEMBLE!

AVENGERS ASSEMBLE!

AVENGERS ASSEMBLE!

AVENGERS ASSEMBLE!

AVENGERS ASSEMBLE!

AVENGERS ASSEMBLE!

BE SILENT! ALL OF YOU!

I WILL REDUCE THIS CITY TO BLOODY DUST AND SHATTERED BONES AND I WILL HAVE SILENCE--

AVENGERS ASSEMBLE.

WHAM

NO MORE! YOU *HEAR* ME? NOT WHILE I'M *BREATHING!*

NOT ONE MORE LIFE!

NOT--

--ONE--

--MORE!

SOME KIND OF *SEISMIC* ACTIVITY--

DEAR GOD, HOW HARD ARE THEY *HITTING* EACH OTHER?

THIS ISN'T *THEM.* NOT *ALL* OF IT.

SPIDER HERO

HUNNGH--

FEEL THAT *RINGING* IN YOUR EARS? THAT TASTE OF *BLOOD* UNDER YOUR TONGUE?

SOMETHING'S BEING *SUMMONED.*

NOT--

ONE--

SILENCE!

WHAT DOES IT *TAKE?*

WHAT DOES IT TAKE TO *END* YOU?

WHY WILL YOU NOT DIE?

ENOUGH.

YOU PROMISED ME A *DEAD CITY,* PROXIMA. NOT THIS... *DEFIANCE.*

I HAVE TO *SAY...*

...I'M *VERY* DISAPPOINTED.

THANOS
THE MAD TITAN.

NO!

THERE'S STILL *TIME*, MY LORD--I CAN STILL--

YOUR TIME IS *UP*, MIDNIGHT. YOUR *FUN* IS *OVER.*

YOU HAVE A *TITHE* TO COLLECT, AND A *PRINCE* TO KILL... AND I WILL BROOK NO MORE DELAYS.

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LORD THANOS, *PLEASE*--A FEW MORE *MOMENTS*--

I CAN *BREAK* THEM FOR YOU-- *DESTROY* THEM--

...

CAN YOU?

RRRRRRAAAAAHH!

WHAK

AAAAAHH--

THE SPEAR TEARS FREE--

--BUT THE *POISON* REMAINS.

LIVING LIGHT OR NO... SHE *WILL* DIE.

IN *AGONY.*

IN *MINUTES.*

AND BELIEVE ME, SHE IS THE *LUCKY* ONE AMONGST YOU.

THIS... AIN'T *OVER...*

PERHAPS.

IF YOU SOMEHOW *SURVIVE* WHAT THE MAW HAS PLANNED...I *WILL* FIND YOU AGAIN. *ALL* OF YOU.

IF *NOT...* JUST REMEMBER, AS YOUR SOUL *BURNS* AND ALL HOPE ROTS TO *NOTHING...*

"I WOULD HAVE MADE IT *QUICK.*"

OKAY. WEBS, YOU'RE THE *SCIENTIST.* GET UP THERE AND SEE WHAT'S HAPPENING TO *MONICA--*

WE DON'T HAVE *TIME.*

LISTEN TO ME, CAGE-- SOMETHING'S BEING *SUMMONED--*

SON, I GOT *CRACKED RIBS,* I GOT A *CONCUSSION* AND I THINK I JUST SWALLOWED A *MOLAR.*

YOU SAY *ONE* MORE WORD TO ME ABOUT LETTING MY *FRIEND* DIE AND YOU'RE GONNA HAVE *WORSE. BELIEVE* IT.

HA!

THIS DOESN'T LOOK *GOOD,* CAGE--

BEFORE

ALL WAS

WHAT...?

I WAS

BEFORE TIME WAS

OH, GOOD *BOY,* DOCTOR.

I WAITED

I FED ON THE SCREAMING SOULS OF UNIVERSES

I DRANK THE SPOILED MILK OF DEAD STARS

I AM THE EMPTINESS OUTSIDE ALL UNDERSTANDING

I AM SHUMA-GORATH

YERY GOOD BOY.

AND THIS WORLD IS MINE

WELL, NOW.

I GUESS THAT QUALIFIES AS A LEVEL *EIGHT.*

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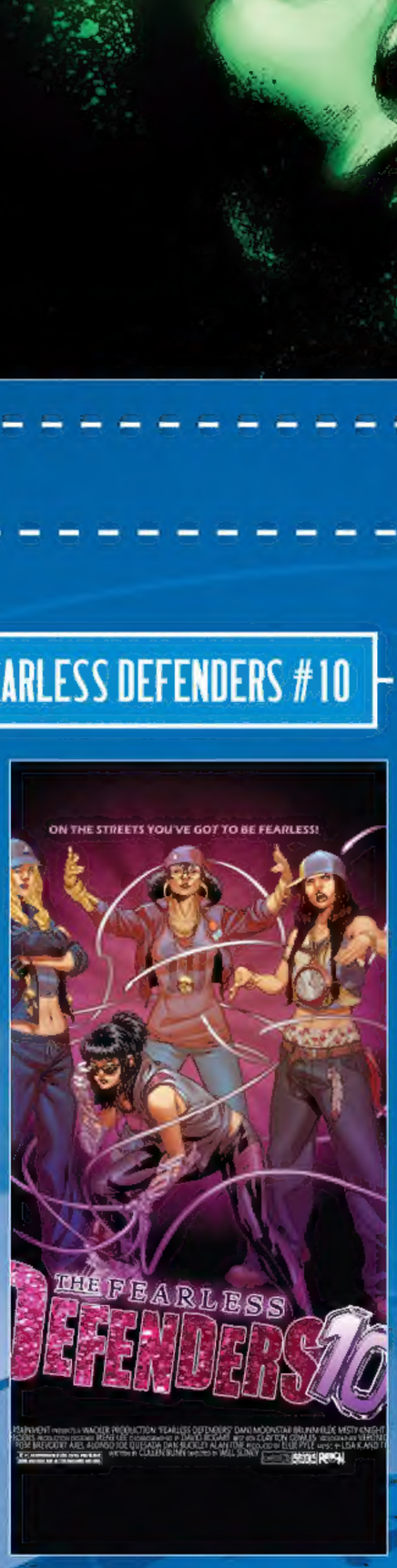

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THE ASSEMBLY!

YOUR ONE-STOP NEWS SOURCE FOR ALL THINGS AVENGERS!

It's finally here! October 4th sees the worldwide release of the very first AVENGERS original graphic novel **ENDLESS WARTIME**! Written by NY Times best-selling author Warren Ellis and illustrated by Mike McKone and Jason Keith, with stunning design by Rian Hughes, this is the perfect volume for Avengers fans old and new—a contemporary, forward-looking 120 page stand-alone epic that you will never forget! As X-MEN senior editor Nick Lowe remarked, it's "troubling and exciting, beautiful and so well designed. You should all be proud! Hope our inevitable X-MEN OGN is half as good."

We've been saving up for a day like this—saving up your comments, that is! So here's a wide sampling from the many missives about the new MARVEL NOW! incarnations of your favorite AVENGERS titles that we've received over the last couple of months:

Loved issue #11 of AVENGERS ASSEMBLE, it had all the heroics, humor, action, characterization, top characters and incredible art I could dream of in an Avengers title! But which pages had the AR?
–Chris Forster.

You didn't miss anything, Chris, that was our mistake, running the AR slug on the cover to a book without any AR. Oops!

I was on the fence about AVENGERS... until I saw Cannonball and Sunspot recruited! Cannonball has been my absolute favorite character for years and Sunspot is next in line. Please let them represent the X by kicking major butt as Avengers!
–Isaac Woodby

There's more of Sam and Bobby ahead, Isaac, not just in AVENGERS, but also—but why spoil that so far ahead of time?

With Red Skull taking Xavier's brain how can Magneto not finally go after and finish him? You showed us Wolverine's reaction, imagine how Magneto would react to a Nazi desecrating his old friend like that. Will we ever see another Red Skull/Magneto tussle?
–Richard Dodge

Sorry to "dodge" the question, Richard—but can you imagine a world in which Rick Remender doesn't get around to something like that eventually?

I love the Avengers! I'm also loving all the new series! I pick up AVENGERS, NEW AVENGERS, and AVENGERS ASSEMBLE every month, and I'm loving each series! I especially love AVENGERS #8, AVENGERS ASSEMBLE #9, and NEW AVENGERS #2.
–Denver Bridges

You can imagine how that makes us feel, Denver—Love!

Just wanted to let you all know what a great job you are doing on UNCANNY AVENGERS!!! I sincerely hope we see A LOT more of the Four Horsemen. Genocide/Holocaust has always had a special place in my heart. Totally kidding, that would be creepy.
–Joseph D. Urbick

Whew! You had us worried there for a moment, Joe!

Hickman coming to the Avengers books had me super excited for what he could bring and changes he could create. But now 9 issues in and 4 for NEW, I'm not loving the change so much anymore. While reading every issue I'm feeling really dumb. And confused. And ultimately not enjoying the books.
–Kenny Arena

Sorry to hear that you feel that way, Kenny! So sorry, in fact, that I'm not even going to make the obvious AVENGERS ARENA joke!

Intensifying. Uniting. Magnifying. Improving. Updating. These are just a few of the things that Jonathan Hickman is doing for the Marvel Universe at large here in the main AVENGERS title!
–Andrew J. Shaw

And glad to hear that you feel this way, Andrew! You're constantly one of our most regular critics!

Got this address from Stephen Wacker. Here is my son Parker Smith (yes, he was named after Peter Parker) dressed as Ant-Man.
–Benjamin Smith

Good looking kid you've got there, Ben! He wouldn't be interested in the lead role in an in-preparation Marvel motion picture by any chance, would he?

Any chance Remender will show what happened with the twins Uriel and Eimin after the Dark Angel Saga? Also, Daniel Acuña's fabulous art makes everything gorgeous and utter delicious to enjoy!
–Henrique Parreira

A better question, Henrique, would be will Rick ever stop showing us more of the Apocalypse Twins?

Out of all of the AVENGERS titles currently on the shelves, the one I'm most enjoying is Nick Spencer's SECRET AVENGERS. Already he's making me like the new Nick Fury and here I thought that would be a challenge (the Bond comparison from issue #1 was just perfect and funny at the same time). –Colin Herzog

And with that, we'll get back to our regularly scheduled programming! IN other words, it's checklist time!

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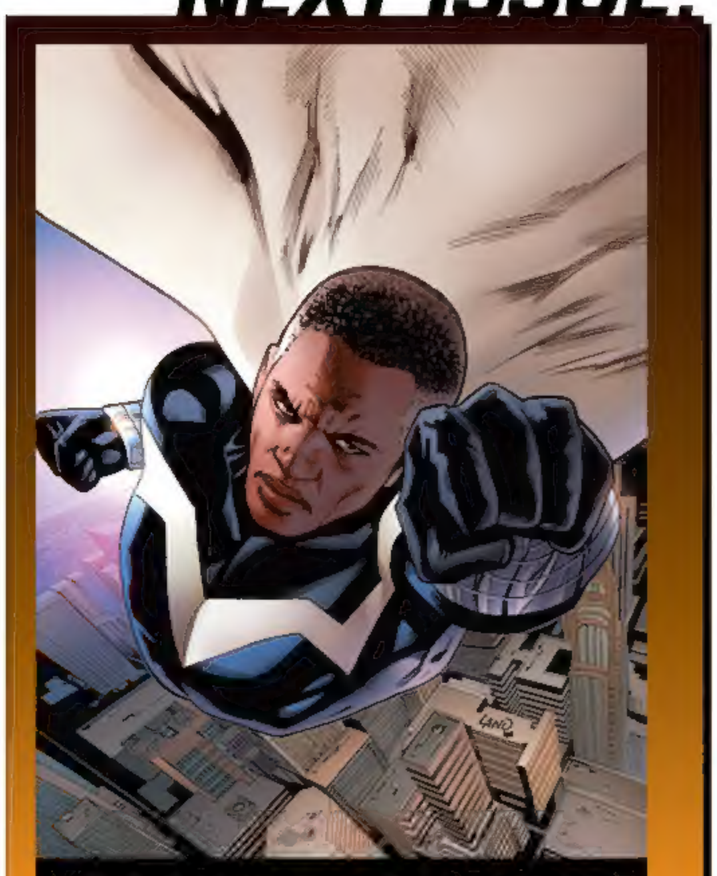

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CAPTAIN AMERICA AND CYCLOPS BEGIN A 6-PART ADVENTURE, AND EMMA FROST AND THE BLACK WIDOW DO THEIR THING!

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MARVEL UNIVERSE AVENGERS ASSEMBLE #1

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